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SUBJ: CONOFF'S VISIT TO LAURENCE LAYTON
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1. CONOFF VISITED AMCIT LAURENCE LAYTON IN GEORGETOWN PRISON MARCH 26, 1980. [redacted]

2. INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE OFFICE OF PRISON SUPERINTENDENT JANAK SEEGOBIN, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR THE FIRST FEW MINUTES. ON CONOFF'S REQUEST, AND AS PER PREVIOUS GOG AUTHORIZATION FOLLOWING EMBASSY INTERVENTION (REF. B), SUPT. SEEGOBIN LEFT THE ROOM FOR PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PRIVATE CONSULAR MEETING WITH MR. LAYTON. MEETING WAS THIRD SUCH WITH LAYTON OUTSIDE PRESENCE OF PRISON OFFICIALS SINCE HIS DETENTION.

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5. LATE THIS MORNING, FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 1980, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS (DPP) NOTIFIED CONSUL THAT TRIAL WOULD NOT RPT NOT BEGIN APRIL 1, 1980. LAYTON'S ATTORNEY, MR. REX MCKAY, WAS ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT BECAUSE OF THE PRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS THAT WOULD REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN EARLY APRIL. (N.B. MR. MCKAY IS A MEMBER OF A TEAM OF ARBITRATORS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE A NUMBER OF LAWSUITS RESULTING FROM A USAID-CONTRACTED RICE SILO CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.
6. WE DO NOT KNOW AND, AS PAST EVENTS HAVE PROVEN, IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR US TO TRY TO GUESS, WHEN LAYTON MIGHT COME TO TRIAL. CONSUL HAS DISCUSSED, CASE THIS MORNING WITH DEFENCE ATTORNEY MCKAY AND IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHEN LEGAL
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PROCEEDINGS MIGHT REUSME.
7. FOR ARA/CAR: FURTHER TO OUT TELEPHONE CONVERSTATION 3/28A.M. PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE PARAS 5 THROUGH END TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE FBI, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.
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